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Remarks

Applicant has amended the claims to more clearly recite what Applicant believes to be the invention. Claims 3 and 4 were canceled. Applicant reserves the right to refile claims 3 and 4 in a properly filed divisional application. It is believed that no new matter is introduced by this amendment and no additional search is required.

The Examiner indicated that the application contains 2 groups of claims and requires that a restriction be made to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1 and 2, drawn to a copolymer of formula (I)
- II. Claims 3 and 4, drawn to a method of emulsion polymerization

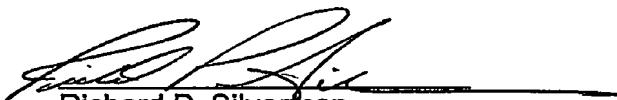
Applicant, under 35 U.S.C. §121, makes this election without traverse and elects the claims of Group I for the prosecution on the merits of the invention.

For the purposes of the examination on the merits, Applicant elects as a species the reactants forming the copolymer of formula(I) such as the allyl alcohol initiated, ethylene oxide and phenyl glycidyl ether copolymer of Example 1.

It is respectfully submitted that, in view of the above remarks, the restriction requirement is now satisfied and the examination of this application on the merits can now proceed. If the Examiner has any remaining questions, the examiner may contact Applicant's representative. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and an allowance of all pending claims are courteously solicited.

An early and favorable action is courteously solicited.

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